

M I N U T E S

Of The

TWELFTH SESSION,

Of The

IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

OF The

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Held At

Kookuk, Iowa,

September 26th, 1855.

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MINUTES

Of The

IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held its twelfth session in the M.E.Church in Keokuk, Iowa, commencing on the 26th day of September, A.D. 1855, Bishop Matthew Simpson, Presiding.

The Bishop opened the Conference by reading the Scriptures, and singing and prayer, led by Rev. Samuel Clark, followed by Rev. L. Swormstedt.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll and 70 members answered to their names.

H.W. Reed was appointed Secretary, and Thomas E. Corkhill and G.W. Teas, Assistant Secretaries.

The following standing Committees were constituted.

Conference And Necessitous Cases-L. Taylor, E.L. Briggs, I.I. Stewart.

Missions-A. Young, A. Coleman, J.G. Dimmitt, Wm. Simpson, M.F. Shinn, Jos. Brooks, D. Worthington, M.H. Hare, John Haydon, H.S. Brunson.

Sunday Schools-John Harris, F.H. Carey, J.Q. Hammond, Wm. F. Cowles, J.B. Hardy, D.N. Smith.

Conference Division-L.T. Rowley, W.F. Cowles, J.B. Taylor, H.W. Reed, G.B. Bowman, J.B. Hardy, T.H. Petefish, D. Dickinson, E.W. Twining, M.F. Shinn.

Education-L.W. Berry, R.S. Robinson, Jos. McDowell, A.J. Kynett, Jos. Cameron, J.C. Ayres, E. Wood, O.C. Shelton, G.W. Teas, E.W. Twining, M.F. Shinn.

Church Extension-A.C. McDonald, J. Gassner, L. Taylor, Geo. Clifford, J.T. Coleman, A.B. Kendig, Wm. Armstrong, Strange Brooks, A.W. Johnson, M.F. Shinn.

Tract Cause-J.C. Smith, G.W. Teas, D.N. Holmes, R. Ricker, I.I. Stewart.

Periodicals-Dr. L.W.Berry, John Darrah, M. See, J.L.Kelly, Thos. E. Corkhill.

Bible Cause-S. Haynes, S. Clark, Hugh Gibson, L. A. Smith, E. W. Twining.

Slavery-E. W. Twining, Jos. McDowell, S. Haynes, I. Newton, R. Ricker, J. H. White, E. Wood, O. C. Shelton, E. H. Winans, M. F. Shinn.

Temperance-O. C. Shelton, P. F. Holtzinger, H. Taylor, C. Morey, E. Skinner.

Post Offices- John Guylee.

Memoirs-H. W. Reed, J. H. Dimmitt, H. S. Brunson.

Public Worship-M. H. Hare, J. P. Linderman, A. C. McDonald.

Publishing Minutes-H. W. Reed, Thos. E. Corkhill, G. W. Teas.

Question 1st.-Who are admitted on trial?

John Elrod, L. T. Henderson, John Baker, E. C. Byam, I. K. Young, W. C. Munson, W. A. Pile, B. Mitchel, W. C. Williams, James S. Rand, Hiram Burch, James Haynes, Charles Babcock, Joel Davis, Geo. Quiggins, Wm. Poston, B. F. Williams, Thomas Thompson, F. Mather, George W. Friend.

Question 2d.-Who remain on trial?

Answer-G. C. Whitlock, Nelson Wells, A. N. Odell, Charles Sessions, John Webb, Thomas More, D. Donaldson, J. H. Hestwood, J. W. Stewart, George Bamford, A. J. Kirkpatrick, R. B. Allender, J. B. Rolls, J. Kelly, J. Anderson, S. Alger, D. S. Sweam. James Harlan was discontinued, at his own request.

Question 3d.-Who are admitted into full connection?

Ans.-J. P. Teter, J. B. Hyles, George Clifford, L. S. Ashbaugh, J. G. Thompson, Samual Hestwood, J. Sherwood, Benjamin Holland, Thomas Dixon, F. Amos, D. H. Petefish, W. N. Brown, A. C. McDonald, A. B. McElfresh, B. Mulholland, W. C. Shippen, Charles Woolsey.

Ques. 4th.-Who are the Deacons?

Ans.-John Darrah, D. Dickerson, Asa Critchfield, A. B. Kendig, William Armstrong, H. Taylor, F. Evans.

E. H. Winans located at his own request.

Ques. 5th.-Who have been elected and ordained elders?

Ans.-E.L.Briggs, Thomas E.Corkhill, H.J.Burley, R.Ricker, I.Newton, A.J.Kynett, G.H.Clark, E.Skinner, J.Guylee, W.R.Blake, L.A.Smith, L.T.Rowley.

Ques. 6th-Who have located this year?

Ans.-E.H.Winans, E.W.Twining.

Ques. 7th.-Who are the supernumerary Preachers?

Ans.- None.

Ques.-8th-Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers?

Ans.-Joseph Maxon, D.N.Smith, Hugh Gibson.

Ques. 9th-Who have been expelled from the connection this year?

Ans.- None.

Ques. 10th -Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?

Ans.- None.

Ques. 11th-Were all the preachers characters examined?

Ans.- This was carefully attended to, calling over their names before the Conference.

Ques. 12th-Who have died this year?

Ans- Alfred Bishop, Ancil Wright.

Ques. 13th-Where shall our next Conference be held?

Ans.-At Mt Pleasant and Maquoketa.

The Conference having divided, these two places were selected, and in case their action in this particular is not ratified by the General Conference, then their next session will be held in Iowa City.

Ques. 14th-Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

Answer,

Appointments By The Iowa Annual Conference.

Plan of Districts and Stations.

Keokuk District, -M.H.Hare, P.E.

Keokuk

Exchange st. S.Haines Birmingham, A.C.McDonald

Chatham sq. W.F.Cowles Libertyville, J.M.Rust

Montrose F.W.Evans Bloomfield, L.T.Rowley

Farmington, John Heaton
 Bonaparte, W.C. Shippen
 Winchester, J.P. Teeter
 Keosauqua, R.S. Robinson

Troy, C. Morey
 Pittsburgh, B. Holland
 Vernon, John Elrod

Burlington District, D. Worthington, P.E.
 Burlington, Mt. Pleasant, J.H. White
 Old Zion, T.M. Goodfellow, " " ct, P. Holtzinger
 Ebenezer, P.P. Ingalls, New London, O.C. Shelton
 Fort Madison, H.N. Wilbur, Augusta, I. McClaskey
 West Point, J.G. Thompson, Dodgeville, J.B. Hiles
 Salem, G.H. Jennison, Fairfield, J. Gassner
 Glasgow, M. See, Swede Mission, A. Erickson.
 Iowa Wesleyan University, L.W. Berry, President,
 G.C. Whitlock, Professor, T.E. Corkhill and J. Brooks
 Agents; John Guylee, S.S. Agent; all members of the
 Mt. Pleasant Quarterly Conference. Samuel Clark,
 Conference Missionary.

Muscatine District-J. McDowell, P.E.
 Muscatine, John Harris; Washington, G.W. Teas, one
 " ct, G. Quiggen; to be supplied.
 Fairport, W.C. Munson; Richmond, L.C. Woodford
 Grandview, S.T. Mandeville; Wapello, H.C. Dean
 Northfield, J. Haines; Cedar Valley, N. Wells
 Brighton, B. Mitchell; Crawfordsville, A.J. Kirk-
 patrick and G.W. Friend.

Oskaloosa District, W. Simpson, P.E.
 Oskaloosa, I.I. Stewart; Millersburg, S.S. Gruber
 Eddyville, J. Craig; Marengo, G. Bamford, one
 Ottumwa, to be supplied; to be supplied.
 Agency City, S. Brooks; Peoria, W.A. Pile
 Brookville, J. Darrah; Fremont, W. Poston
 Sigourney, S. Hestwood; Pella, T.T. Henderson
 Montezume, H.H. Badley.

Albia District.-J.Q. Hammond, P.E.
 Albia, C. Woolsey; Centerville, R.B. Allender
 South Grove, John Jay; Corydon, B.F. Williams
 Chillicothe, Wm. Armstrong; Lyon, J.B. Rawls
 Floris, to be supplied; Occola, J. Sherwood
 Drakesville, L.A. Smith; Chariton, D. Dickerson
 Unionville, George Clark; Lagrange, D.T. Sweem.

Fort Des Moines District, -J.B.Hardy, P.E.
 Ft. Des Moines, L. Janes; Hartford, A.W. Johnson
 Adell, T. Dixon; Knoxville, E.L. Briggs
 Winterset, to be sup; Attica, E. Wood
 Brooklin, J. Mason; Monroe, E.M.H. Fleming
 Indianola, to be sup; Newton, D.H. Petefish.

Council Bluffs District, M.F. Shinn, P.E.
 Council Bluffs, to be sup; Afton, W.C. Williams
 Glenwood, J. Kelly, one

to be sup; Quincy, R. Mulholland
 Sydney, " Panora, John Anderson
 Page & Taylor; W. Howbert; Shelby, to be sup;
 Cass, J.S. Rand; Magnolia, "
 West Nishony, S. Farlow.

Nebraska District, W.H. Goode, P.E.
 Elkhorn & Desoto, to be sup; Brownsville, H. Burch
 Omaha City, I.F. Collins; Nemahaw, to be sup;
 Rock Creek, W.D. Gage; Upper Platte, "
 Nebraska City, to be sup; Tekama, ;

Dubuque District, -J.G. Dimmitt, P.E.
 Dubuque, Maquoketa, J. Watts
 Centenary, J.R. Cameron; " ct, J. Ridlington
 Main St., A.J. Kynett; " " L. Thompson
 Dubuque Ct. H.W. Reed & Ag-
 ent Fayette Co Seminary; Mineral Creek, J.H. Steph-
 Rock Dale J.G. Witted; enson
 Sabula, - A.N. Odell; Camanche & Lyons, J.B. Taylor
 Andrew, J.R. Baker; Dewitt, F. Amos
 Bellvue, C. Babcock; L. Taylor, S.S. Agent

Upper Iowa District, H.S. Brunson, P.E.
 Colesburgh, George Clifford; Elkader, H. Taylor
 Cascade, J.L. Kelly, T. Moore; West Union, J. Rankin
 Delhi, Joel Davis; one to be sup;
 Garnavillo, F. Mather; - Hardin, I. Newton
 Delaware, S. Alger; Waukon, C.M. Sessions
 Independence, L.S. Ash- Freeport, E.C. Byam
 baugh, one to be sup; Norwegian Miss, to be sup; ,

Mount Vernon District, A. Coleman, P.E.
 Mt. Vernon, S.C. Ayers; Davenport, J.P. Linderman
 Pioneer, to be sup; Leclair, D.N. Holmes
 Tipton, R. Ricker; Springville, A. Critchfield
 Hebron, H. Wharton; Anamosa, G. Larkins

Spring Rock, W.R.Blake; Monticello, R.Swearingen
Davenport Mission, J.Montgomery.

Iowa City District, -A.Young, P.E.

Iowa City, to be sup; Vinton, P.B.Young

" : Miss.A.B.Kendig; Cedar Rapids Miss, to be sup;

Cedar Rapids, A.B.McElfresh; West Liberty, C.P.

Reynolds

Marion, J.T.Coleman; Toledo, W.N.Brown

Marysville, D.Donaldson; Marshall, to be sup.

Janesville District, -J.Hayden, P.E.

Janesville, E.D.Lamb; Webster, to be sup;

Waterloo, to be sup; Boone, T.D.Boyles

Cedar Falls, P.E.Brown; Story, J.H.Hestwood

Clarksville, H.J.Burley; Green Co. Miss. to be sup;

Bradford, W.T.Holbrook; Eldora, J.W.Stuart, one

to be supplied.

Sergeant's Bluffs District, E.Lathrop, P.E.

Sergeant's Bluffs, to be sup; Ida & Sac, to be sup;

Sioux City, " " ; Manona, Crawford

and Carroll, R.Laing.

REPORT

Of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society of
the Iowa Annual Conference of the M.E.Church.

Received from Circuits and Stations \$2.549.06

Rec'd from Life Memb'shps & Contrib's 90.

Paid Wm.M.Doughty, \$2.594.25

In hands J.P.Farley from Bro.T.E.C. 16.00

Lost in Counterfeits & Depreciations, 4.95

In hand, 12.00

In the above report it will be seen that the
Missionary Collections of the past year show
a progressive movement in this Heaven born
work. Cheering to all who love the cause of our
Lord Jesus-Christ, being more than double that
of any former year,

Wherefore, Resolved, That now going out as two
bands (or Conf.) we will continue or increase
our efforts to replenish the Treasury of the
Lord, thereby provoking each other to good works.

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The Missionary Committee report the following appropriations:

Burlington District.
West Point Mission, \$50.00 ---\$ 50.00

Muscatine District.
Fairport Mission, \$50.00
Grandview " 50.00
Wapello " 50.00
Cedar Valley " 50.00-- -\$200.00

Oskaloosa District.
Millersburgh Mission, \$70.00
Peoria " 60.00--- \$130.00

Albia District.
Florice Mission \$75.00
Corydon " 75.00
Oceola " 50.00
La Grange " 50.00---\$ 250.00

Fort Des Moines District.
Adell Mission \$60.00---\$ 60.00

Council Bluffs District.
Council Bluffs Mission \$190.00
Cass " 75.00
Page & Taylor " 75.00
Nishony " 90.00
Magnolia " 95.00
Shelby " 50.00
Quincy " 100.00
Panora " 70.00
Afton " 70.00---\$815.00

Dubuque District
Bellvue Mission \$125.00----\$125.00

Upper Iowa District.
Colesburgh Mission \$ 50.00
Delaware " 100.00
Elkader " 70.00
Waukon " 70.00
Free-port " 70.00----\$360.00

Mount Vernon District.
Spring Rock Mission \$ 65.00
Davenport " 65.00
Springville " 75.00
Monticello " 75.00----\$280.00

Iowa City District.

Iowa City	Mission	\$ 70.00
Cedar Rapids	"	70.00
West Liberty	"	70.00
Toledo	"	75.00
Marshall	"	55.00---\$ 330.00

Janesville District

Bradford	Mission	\$ 65.00
Clarksville	"	65.00
Eldora	"	95.00
Story	"	50.00---\$ 275.00

Sergeant's Bluffs District.

Sergeant's Bluffs	Mission	\$200.00
Sioux City	"	75.00---\$ 275.00
		<u>\$3.150.00</u>

Nebraska Mission District\$700.00

Elkhorn&Desoto	Mission	200.00
Omaha	"	250.00
Rock Creek	"	300.00
Nebraska City	"	300.00
Brownsville	"	300.00
Nemahaw	"	200.00
Tekama	"	100.00
Upper Plate	"	100.00---\$2.400.00

Mission to Foreign Population.

Swede	Mission	\$350.00
Decora	Norwegian	350.00
Canoe	"	100.00---\$ 800.00

Respectfully submitted,

Keokuk, Oct 2d. 1855, J.G. Dimmitt Chairman.

D. Worthington, Secretary.

I concur in the above appropriations.

M. Simpson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education have carefully weighed the various subjects submitted for their consideration, and have endeavored to investigate as fully as time and circumstances would allow the great Educational interests of the Church in the bounds of the Iowa Annual Conference, and beg leave to submit the following Report:

Your Committee are fully convinced that it is the duty of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the bounds of this Conference to direct its attention and devote its means and energies to the work of Educating. Experience has taught us that it is not wise to leave this work to the State, and if it were wise, it is not practicable. One Central Institution will not educate the children of a whole State, and if it could, the Church could accomplish better with less means. To succeed in this work commensurate with the wants and the interests of the community there must be direct responsibility; character must be staked upon the issue; higher motives than mere pecuniary reward or literary honors must animate the teachers; and the teachers must be backed by the moral power of a church, or a community, that they may be able to enforce a healthful discipline. And

where shall we look for that oneness of sentiment, that union of purpose, those elevated feelings and views, those high religious motives and that moral power to sustaining discipline, but to the Church of Christ.

The man who does not believe in the immortality of the soul and the religion of the Bible, can have no other than low motives in attempting to instruct youth. He must regard Man as little more than a brute, and his efforts will correspond with his convictions. Hence no man is fit to be an Educator, but one who believes in the religion of the Bible, and the immortality of Man. Many good men are found in State Institutions, but so far as they are such, they are drawn from the church, and we opine that the church can best wield its own energies and agencies. So evident is the proposition that denominations are in every respect better Educators than the State, though it was once like Pharaoh's lean kine, poor and very ill-favored, and lean-fleshed, it has grown into almost universal favor, and become axiomatic. We are not as a church, making the experiment in the direction of education. We have tried and proved our heart-

ness in the work and our ability to accomplish it. Methodism was born in a College, and Mr. Wesley was an Educator on the largest scale; Mr. Asbury was baptized into the same spirit and bequeathed his views and enterprise to the church. The church has furnished a large illustration of the wisdom of these views, and the practicability of the Educational Enterprises which that fertile and comprehensive mind contemplated. And the God of all grace has given in the numerous and glorious revivals that have been realized at our Colleges and Universities, his divine sanction and manifest approval.

The Methodist Church must educate. It is essential to our prosperity—a part of our grand Methodistical Economy which we cannot dispense with without materially marring its beauty and destroying its harmony and efficiency.

If we will preserve our children to the church their education must be conducted by teachers that at least are not averse to the doctrines and discipline of the church—teachers that will not speak disparagingly of our doctrines, our means of grace, and our itinerant system, by which our children are to be brought into the church. If we do not educate others will; and will wield an influence through education that will arrest the progress, to a great extent, with which God has honored us. We have the wealth and the members. The land is ours. The people look to us for the institutions where their children are to be educated, and we must either provide these institutions or be recreant to our trust and, whether we are willing or not, must resign our commanding position of influence and usefulness. We have no alternative. We must educate or lose our ground. God has given us this position and bade us occupy until he comes. If we are unfaithful to our trust, He will take from us all that he has ever given, and give it to more faithful stewards.

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Iowa Wesleyan University.

This Institution, located at Mt. Pleasant, is in a flourishing condition. The new College building is now completed, and will furnish room for the reception of several hundred students. All the regular college classes are organized, and a class will graduate next summer. Seven professors and teachers are employed in the different Departments of the University, and the number of students in attendance is fully equal to the largest calculations of its most sanguine friends.

As the charter of the University provides that the corporators shall adopt By-Laws, we would recommend the acceptance of the charter and the adoption of the following By-Laws:

There shall be a Board of Trustees, consisting of 24 members, one half of whom shall be laymen, the other half members of the Iowa Annual Conference, and shall be divided into four classes; the term of office of the first class shall expire at the end of one year; the second class at the end of two years; the third class three years; the fourth class four years: who shall be chosen by nomination and viva voce vote, nine of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

There shall be chosen from among their number a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be members of the Board of Corporators.

The Trustees of the University, in connection with the Faculty, shall have full power to make rules and regulations for the government of said University, provided those rules do not conflict with the charter of the University, the Constitution and Laws of this State and of the United States.

The By-Laws of the Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, so far as they do not conflict with the University charter and its By-Laws, are hereby declared to be in full force.

There shall be nine visitors elected annually, who shall with the Trustees constitute a joint Board for the election of proper persons to fill

the Chairs of the University. They shall attend the examination of the classes, inspect every year the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, and make a full report to the Conference.

The Committee would recommend the appointment of Rev. Joseph Brooks, Rev. Thos. E. Corkhill, and James H. White, as agents of the University for the current year.

Trustees.

1st. L. W. Berry, C. N. McDowell, D. Worthington, A. Lee, Joseph McDowell, Henry Avery.

2d. Rev. R. S. Robinson, Dr. W. Bird, J. H. White, Dr. J. N. Shaffer, Rev. D. N. Smith, Wm. H. Corkhill.

3d. I. I. Stewart, E. K. Hart, Sanford Haynes, Dr. J. D. Elbert, Joseph Gasner, Col. Thos W. Clagett.

4th. Thos E. Corkhill, L. Dewey, W. F. Cowles, Geo. Porter, Joseph Brooks, Anson Hart.

Visitors.

John Harris, P. P. Ingalls, Geo. W. Teas, J. P. Linderman, D. Dickinson, J. B. Hardy, J. Q. Hammond, P. F. Holtzinger, A. C. McDonald.

Officers of the Board of Trustees.

D. Worthington, President; Thos. E. Corkhill, Secretary; C. N. McDowell, Treasurer.

Iowa Conference Seminary.

This Institution, located at Mt. Vernon, is enjoying a high state of prosperity, and growing in favor of the people, as its increasing patronage fully attests. In addition to the building which has previously been occupied for Seminary purposes, a building 55 by 100 feet, and three stories high is now in process of erection, and a large proportion of the funds for building which are already secured. Great energy and enterprise have been displayed by the Trustees and Agents, and everything connected with the present circumstances of the Institution argue an extensive and protracted career of usefulness.

The Committee recommend the appointment of Rev. G. B. Bowman, and some other efficient man, as Agents.

We would recommend the election of five Trustees to supply the existing vacancies, viz: Rev. G. B. Bowman, H. D. Albright, E. D. Waln, Dr. Jesse Bowen, Rev. A. Coleman.

Visitors.

Rev. J. G. Dimmitt, Alcinous Young, J. Ayres, A. J. Kynett, Landon Taylor, and the stationed preacher at Davenport.

Fayette Seminary.

This Seminary, located in Fayette, Fayette Co. is not yet under the patronage of the Conference. They have secured 10 acres of ground, and a subscription of tenthousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, and propose to erect a building of cut stone, three stories high, and 44 by 100 feet.

We recommend that it be received under the patronage of the Conference, and Rev. H. W. Reed be appointed Agent.

Trustees.

H. S. Brunson, S. M. Leach, A. J. Kynett, Joseph R. Cameron, J. Maxon, James E. Robertson, John Webb, Perry Perkins, L. S. Ashbaugh, C. R. Bent and H. W. Reed.

The Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Conference instruct the Presiding Elders to secure, where they can, liberal donations of lands for the purpose of erecting Seminaries, and to be used for that purpose alone.

North Western University.

Whereas, Many of the holders of Scholarships in N. W. University, living in the bounds of the Iowa Conference, are greatly dissatisfied, and in consideration of a similar institution being erected, within their own bounds, which it was then said would not be done, are much opposed to the payment of said Scholarship notes, and whereas, the collection of said Scholarship notes

is likely to involve serious difficulties:

Therefore, Resolved, That the Conference respectfully request the Trustees of the North Western University, to authorize-----wherever the holders of Scholarships desire, to transfer the whole amount of their notes, to cancel said notes in favor of the Iowa Wesleyan University, and the Iowa Conference Seminary, as the holders may desire.

Resolved, That we elect H.W. Reed Trustee of said North Western University, and that he and the other Trustees from this Conference be directed to submit the above resolution to the Trustees of the North Western University and use their best endeavors to secure the object contemplated in the same.

A communication was received from the Principal of the Jacksonville Seminary at Jacksonville, Ill., requesting the appointment of Visitors to that Institution. The Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That we respectfully decline appointing Visitors to the Jacksonville Female Seminary.

The Iowa Medical College having submitted a proposition to become the Medical Department of the Iowa Wesleyan University, and as, so far as your Committee have been able to investigate everything appears very favorable to the adoption of said Medical School: We would recommend the appointment of L.W. Berry, Joseph Brooks, and Joseph McDowell a Committee to confer with the Board of Trustees and Faculty of the Medical College, to make such preliminary arrangements as may be necessary to gain the end proposed and report the same to the Board of Corporators.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L.W. Berry, Chairman.

Report Of Committee On Bible Cause.

Dear Brethren.-Your Committee on the Bible Cause, would submit the following report:

We are sorry to learn from the reports of the American Bible Society, that there has been a falling off the present year of \$47.528.98 from the collections of the past year. The general derangement of the currency, and consequent pressure in the monetary affairs of the country have contributed to this result.

Your Committee would suggest, that these things ought not so to be. No derangement of the currency should in anywise lessen our benevolent contributions. And when we consider the inestimable value of God's blessed word and it's hallowing influences upon the world; we can but regret

that there has been a delinquency on the part of the friends of the Bible.-At a time when God in his providence was opening the way for the universal dissemination of his word among the millions of our earth.

At no period in the world's history, has the demand for the Bible been greater, both at home and abroad, than at the present time. Therefore your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to-wit:

Resolved, 1st. That we have undiminished confidence in the American Bible Society, as the great instrumentality under God, in sending his Holy Word, to all lands and nations.

Resolved, 2d. That we will heartily co-operate with their agents, that may visit our fields of labor.

Resolved, 3d. That we will present the claims of the Bible cause, and take up collections for its support in all our charges the ensuing year (should the agent not be able to visit us) and report the same to the Treasurer of the Iowa Conference Bible Society.

Resolved, 4th. That Rev. Joseph Brooks be appointed the Treasurer of said Society for the ensuing year. S. Haines, Chairman.

Report Of Committee On Conference Division.

The committee on Conference Boundary, having consulted thereon, report the following as the line of division, viz:

Beginning at Davenport on the Mississippi River, thence by the railroad to Iowa City, thence up the Iowa river, to the corner of Iowa, Benton, Tama and Poweshiek counties, thence west to the Missouri river, leaving Davenport and Iowa City in the Northern Conference.

David Dickinson, Secretary. H.W. Reed, Chair.

Resolved, By the Iowa Annual Conference, that the Bishop be and he is hereby requested not to continue any man in the office of Presiding Elder, more than four years in succession, nor appoint him to the office after he has served four years in the same, until he has been out of the office for two years, and that this be a standing request of the Conference. (Amended by including those preachers that have been in city stations four consecutive years.)

Report On Slavery.

Your Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of slavery and its connection with the M.E. Church, beg leave to report, that having carefully considered the subject, offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, 1st. That it is the sense of the Iowa Annual Conference, that the next General Conference should so alter the section of our Discipline on the subject of slavery, as that the first three paragraphs following the question "What shall be done for the extirpation of the evil of slavery?" shall read as follows; -Ans. 1st. We declare that we are more than ever convinced of the great evil of slavery, and of the necessity of doing something to remove it from the Church: therefore no slaveholder shall be eligible to membership in our Church hereaf-

ter, where the laws of the state in which he lives will admit of emancipation and permit the liberated slave to enjoy freedom. 2d.

When any member of our Church becomes an owner of a slave or slaves by any means, he shall forfeit his membership unless he execute if it be possible a legal emancipation of such slave, conformably to the laws of the state in which he lives. 3d. That when a slave is held by a member of the Church, a committee shall be called, which shall decide as in the case of other wrongs, and if it shall appear that the slave be held without mercenary motives, and for the good of the slave, then the owner of said slave shall be free from blame, and may retain his membership.

J.H. White, J.N. McDowell, R. Ricker,
O.C. Shelton, S. Haines, Isaac Newton,
M.F. Shinn.

Report Of Committee On Memoirs.

Rev. Alfred Bishop, is supposed to have been born not far from Deposit, DeL. Co., N.Y. He early gave his heart to God, being only about 14 years of age when he was converted. He was licensed to preach in 1840; about the year 1849 he was employed to travel in the northern part of Illinois for one year; in 1850 he was employed on the Andrew Circuit, in the Iowa Conference, in 1851, was received on trial and fully commenced his traveling career. For two years he braved the storms and winds of the extreme northern frontier of our Conference; his work, Yellow River Mission, was large and rough, requiring a great deal of travel and exposure, yet none of these things moved him-faithfully and earnestly he prosecuted his heavenly mission. The next year he filled the work on Garnavillo circuit, with satisfaction to those he served, but thinking he could not do as much good on that as on a new work, was accordingly appointed to Colesburg, but he never reached his field of labor; he was quite indisposed at

conference, and from the conference room returned to his former field of labor-but to die. He was abundantly sustained in a dying hour, remarking that the Savior was his strong tower, and religion sustained him in the dark and dreadful conflict.

Bro. Bishop was a good, plain, practical Methodist preacher, seeking by all means to acquit himself as becomes the gospel of Christ. Many, on the work he traveled, will long remember him with the kindest emotions, and no doubt will be found at last as stars in his crown of rejoicing. He leaves a companion (in ill health) who shared cheerfully his labor and toil. May she be abundantly sustained in all her severe bereavements. H.W. Reed. Chair. Com.

The Rev. Ancil Wright was born in the town of Galen, Genesee Co. N.Y., of parents, members of the Baptist Church. At the age of seventeen, he sought and obtained the pardoning grace of God, and after some struggle and considerable opposition, joined the M.E. Church, as that of his particular choice. The evidences of his change were remarkably satisfactory to his own mind. At about nineteen years of age, he was licensed as an exhorter, when with his characteristic zeal and fidelity he commenced warning sinners to flee from the wrath to come. Between the ages of 21 and 22 he was married to Miss Sarah M. McKee, who after having most cheerfully and efficiently shared with him his itinerant career, now mourns her irreparable loss.

About this time, while living at Sackett's Harbor, the Church saw fit in its wisdom to give him license to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, being fully persuaded that God had called him thereunto.

In the capacity of a local preacher he labored for about ten years, though often solicited to engage in the work of the itinerancy. In 1844 he emigrated to Iowa, and in 1847, at the solic-

itation of his brethren, being recommended from Dubuque City, where he was then living, he entered the traveling connection.

His first appointment was as a junior preacher to Oskaloosa cir't, Rev. E.H. Jennison in charge; his labor was abundant and travels extensive.

The next year he returned to the same charge alone. This was a year of labor and most cheering success. His next year was spent on the Pittsburgh circuit, where he had some difficulties to encounter, but he secured many friends, and considerable success, and was returned the next year to the same work. The fifth year he was appointed to Tipton, in the Iowa City District, where by indefatigable labor he succeeded in an extensive revival, 240 or more joining the church. On this work he undoubtedly laid the foundation of disease, from which he never fully recovered. The sixth year was spent on the Colesburg mission, where he left many friends. He then spent a year at Rock Dale, near Dubuque, very pleasantly. Last year he received his appointment to the Andrew work.

He was blest in receiving into the church over 1000 souls, during the few years of his itinerancy.-- At the time disease fastened upon him he was absent with a brother, in Minnesota, some 200 miles distant from home. After the progress of disease, for a few days, he was assured that he could not live, painful as it might be to fall far from the bosom of his family. He remarked, that though he would like to do a little more good in the world, by preaching Christ, yet he had been making his arrangements for a long time for that hour, and was ready for it. He sent his kindest regards to his Presiding Elder, and the Conference, assuring them that if permitted he would be among the first to hail them as they enter the New Jerusalem.

H.W. Reed, Chair. Com.

Statistics.

Keokuk District	Members	Pro- bat- ion's	Local Preach	Chur- ches	Parso- nages	Miss- ions	S.S. Union	Trac- ts	Bib- le Cause
Keokuk									
(Exchange Street	120	6	1	1		15.00		\$	12.00
(Chatham sq. Miss.	107	12							
Mt. Rose	109	30	8	3		7.00			
Farmington	173	41	1	1		50.00	17.00	8.25	
Bonaparte	174	34	3			14.00	1.00	1.50	3.00
Winchester	272	19	2	1	1	9.06			
Keosauqua	137	20	1	1		16.30	4.15		
Birmingham	436	46	7	4	1				
Bloomfield	299	66	2	1	1				
Troy	235	36	3	1		4.30			
Pittsburgh	210	33	1	2	1	21.10			
Vernon	133	40	4	1		5.30			
	2436	383	28	16	4	141.06	22.15	19.75	15.00

Burlington District	Mem.	Prob.	L.	P.	Ch.	P.	Missionary	S.S.U.	Tracts	Bib.	Cause
Burlington Old Zion	163	16			1	2	81.50		10.00		
" Ebenezer	112	28			1		15.00		8.00	10.00	
Fort Madison	121	10			1		3.70	6.80	7.90		
West Point	64	3	1		1	1					
Salem	153	30	5		1		10.00			30.00	
Fairfield	246	32	3		1	1	66.25				
Glasgow	282	54	1		3		28.50		20.90	20.00	
Mt Pleasant Sta.	225	26	6		1	1	42.17	19.50	15.00	80.00	
" " Ct.	257	20	6		2		72.25		18.00	8.00	
New London	301	7	3		2	1	12.00				
Augusta	229	17	1		3	1	23.55				
Yellow Springs	308	12	2		3	1	140.00			10.28	
Swede Mission	64	20	1				57.00				
Dubuque District :	2527	275	29		20	8	551.92	26.30	62.80	158.28	
Dubuque, Centenary	89	19			1		30.00				
" Main St.	134	6	1		1	1	66.20		19.23		
Davenport	204	38	5		1	1	52.00		25.18	61.85	
Le Claire	137	39	2		2	1	70.00	8.57	24.13	11.00	
Dewitt	201	54	2		2		50.00	2.40			
Sabula	103	25	4			1	22.73	11.00			
Maquoketa St.	195	10	2		1				37.00	45.00	
" Ct.	161	24	3			1	14.30				
Andrew	111	20	3		2						
Bellvue Miss.	60										

Canton	147	21	2	1	1	45.25	8.15	7.55	17.00
Rockdale	135	25	2	2		24.00			
Cascade	184	33	2	3	1	53.00			
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Upper Iowa District									
Dubuque Circuit	217	31	5	7		134.70			
Colesburgh Miss.	60	5	4	1		22.00			
Delaware "	120	15				5.00			
Garnavillo	107	10	4	2	1	42.85			
Hardin	127	25	2		1	13.40			
Waukon "	151	45	2			25.70			
Elkader "	80	13	1		1				
West Union	200	25	4	1	1	60.00			90.00
Independence	148	8	2	1	1	15.50			
Delhi	85	17	3	2					
Norwegian Miss.	50	7	2			12.00			

Mount Vernon District Mem.	Pro.	L.P.	Ch.	P	Miss'y	S.S.U.	Tracts	Bib. Cause	
Mt. Vernon & Pioneers Grove	200	26	13	2	1	87.50	4.81	5.38	1.00
Tipton	157	15	5	1	1	40.00	10.00	28.00	
Hebron	78		2						
Marion	139	34		1		33.83		18.18	10.00
Cedar Rapids	127	21	3	1		5.00			
Janesville	240	40	6		1	19.18			
Upper Cedar Mission	98	40	2			5.00			
Marysville "	190	24	2		1	12.30			
Vinton	153	16	2						
Anamosa "	110	31	1						
Spring Rock "	96	8	1		1	3.75			
Iowa City District									
" " Station	170	96	2	1	1				
West Liberty Mission	139	14	2				5.00		
Iowa City "	133	36	1	1		45.00	2.50	55.00	
Grandview "	64	10	1	1				2.00	
Muscatine	202	24	2	1		85.00	17.00	8.60	2.50
" Circuit	117	59	3			28.50			
Fairport	99	21	2	3		4.66	3.37	13.60	
Richmond	204	17	3	1	1	12.80	12.70	12.70	
Washington	198	65	3	3	1	33.95	15.40	17.85	20.00
Crawfordsville	392	80	6	2	1	114.36	6.75	4.80	
Wapello Mission	105	10	1	2				5.70	

Montezuma District									
Montezuma	221	72	4			22.00	5.00		
Millersburgh Mission	61	21			1				
Marshall "	58	10							
Sigourney "	213	99	5	1			5.00		
Marengo	149	63	1	1		26.00	2.40		
Tama	140	30		1		12.00			
Hardin Co. Mission	95	50	4						
Boone "	277	83	4			29.00			
Webster "	52	16	2						
Newton "	217	19	3		1				
Story "	204	34	3		1	20.70			
Ottumwa District									
Agency City	266	50	2	3		4.00		27.95	
Eddyville	310	20	7	2		40.13		25.00	20.00
Oskaloosa	200	25	4	1	1	50.00		30.00	30.00
Mahaska	150	9	2			7.25		10.50	
Albia	305	72	2	2	1	40.00		9.85	15.00
Centerville	271	82	10	1		4.00		9.40	20.00
Unionville	196	29						12.05	
Drakesville Mission	200	50	1	3					
Chillicothe	272	66	2	1	1			1.10	
Locust Grove	225	54	1	1	1	24.60		2.80	
Brighton	274	28	4	3		28.50		7.25	10.75

Mount Vernon District	Mem.	Pro.	L.	P.	Ch.	P	Miss'y	S.S.U.	Tracts	Bib.	Cause
Mt. Vernon & Pioneers Grove	200	26	13	2	1	1	87.50	4.81	5.38	1.00	
Tipton	157	15	5	1	1		40.00	10.00	28.00		
Hebron	78		2								
Marion	139	34		1			33.83		18.18	10.00	
Cedar Rapids	127	21	3	1			5.00				
Janesville	240	40	6		1		19.18				
Upper Cedar Mission	98	40	2				5.00				
Marysville "	190	24	2		1		12.30				
Vinton	153	16	2								
Anamosa "	110	31	1								
Spring Rock "	96	8	1		1		3.75				
Iowa City District											
" " Station	170	96	2	1	1						
West Liberty Mission	139	14	2					5.00			
Iowa City "	133	36	1	1			45.00	2.50	55.00		
Grandview "	64	10	1	1					2.00		
Muscatine	202	24	2	1			85.00	17.00	8.60	2.50	
" Circuit	117	59	3				28.50				
Fairport	99	21	2	3			4.66	3.37	13.60		
Richmond	204	17	3	1	1		12.80	12.70	12.70		
Washington	198	65	3	3	1		33.95	15.40	17.85	20.00	
Crawfordsville	392	80	6	2	1		114.36	6.75	4.80		
Wapello Mission	105	10	1	2					5.70		

Montezuma District										
Montezuma	221	72	4			22.00	5.00			
Millersburgh Mission	61	21			1					
Marshall "	58	10								
Sigourney "	213	99	5	1			5.00			
Marengo	149	63	1	1		26.00	2.40			
Tama	140	30		1		12.00				
Hardin Co. Mission	95	50	4							
Boone "	277	83	4			29.00				
Webster "	52	16	2							
Newton "	217	19	3		1					
Story "	204	34	3		1	20.70				
Ottumwa District										
Agency City	266	50	2	3		4.00		27.95		
Eddyville	310	20	7	2		40.13		25.00	20.00	
Oskaloosa	200	25	4	1	1	50.00		30.00	30.00	
Mahaska	150	9	2			7.25		10.50		
Albia	305	72	2	2	1	40.00		9.85	15.00	
Centerville	271	82	10	1		4.00		9.40	20.00	
Unionville	196	29						12.05		
Drakesville Mission	200	50	1	3						
Chillicothe	272	66	2	1	1			1.10		
Locust Grove	225	54	1	1	1	24.60		2.80		
Brighton	274	28	4	3		28.50		7.25	10.75	

Ft. Des Moines District:	Mem.	Pro	L.P.	Ch	P	Miss'y	S.S.U	Tract	Bib. Cause
Ft. Des Moines Mission	121		2	1	1				
Adel	187	78	5			26.38	9.54		2.00
Winterset	307	54	5	1	1			6.00	100.00
Indianola	295	32	7	1				6.00	100.00
Hartford	272	33	3	2	1	8.25			4.00
Knoxville	240	46	3	1	1	17.85	6.75	5.00	25.00
Attica	331	46	1		1	14.40		1.50	
Monroe	216	59	3	1	1	27.55	16.25	42.15	
Chariton	307	30	4	1	1	5.75			
Decatur	446	100	13			32.00		5.00	30.00
Council Bluffs Dist.									
Council Bluffs Miss.	27	11	2	1					
Magnolia & Woodbury									
Glenwood									
Sidney									
Page & Taylor Mission	165	93		1	1	14.00	12.00	9.00	18.00
Cass									
Harris Grove									

Nebraska & Kansas District. No Statistics of any kind printed; four charges given. Omaha Mission; Old Ft. Kearney Mission; Waukeressa Mission; Ft. Leavenworth Mission.

District Totals in foregoing tables printed only as typed; may be some errors in the totalling but typed as printed.

STEWARDS REPORT OF IOWA CONFERENCE.

Committee-- Landon Taylor, Elias L. Briggs, and I. I. Stewart.

Charges	Preachers	Quart- r	Table Expense	House Rent	Travel Exp.	Quar- ter Receipts	Table Expense	House Rent	Travel Expense	Fifth Coll- ection
Keokuk District	M. H. Hare	272	150	40	5.00	272.00	150.00	40.00	5.00	
Exchange	St. R. S. Robinson	290	216		18.00	290.00	216.00	18.00		
Chatham Square	F. W. Evans	100			5.00					
Montrose	J. P. Teeter	232	145	30	9.75	210.00	145.00	30.00	9.75	
Farmington	L. A. Smith	256	161	34	11.00	256.00	161.00	34.00	11.00	
Bonaparte	E. H. Winans	100	53		3.00	100.00	53.00		3.00	
Winchester	F. H. Cary	264	140		7.25	219.67	116.00		7.25	
Keosauqua	A. C. McDonald	200	126	34	30.00	200.00	126.00	34.00	30.00	
Birmingham	L. T. Rowley	272	200			272.00	200.00			
Bloomfield	H. C. Dean	100	150			75.00	119.00			
Troy	W. C. Shippen	216	99	30	13.00	216.00	99.00	30.00	13.00	
Pittsburgh	Benj. Holland	280	85.			280.00	85.00			
Vernon	B. C. Dennis									
		2582	1625	168	101.90	2388.67	1570	186	82.90	

Total Claims \$4.476.90

Receipts 4.227.59

----Deficiency \$249.37

Charges	Preachers	Quartrg Expain	Table Expense	House Rent	Travelg Expense	Quartrg Recpts	Table Expense	House Rent	Travel ing- penses
Burlington Distr.	D. Worthington	280	242	100	10.05	250	207	76.45	10.05
Old Zion	Jos. Gassner	280	258	130	12.00	280	258	130.00	12.00
Ebenezer Miss.	W.F. Cowles	232	256	108	10.00	232	256	108.00	10.00
Fort Madison	J. McClaskey	240	200	85	25.00	224	60	80.00	25.00
West Point	J.Q. Hammond	200	100			190	90		
Salem	Jos. McDowell	200	150	50	10.00	200	150	50.00	10.00
Fairfield	John Harris	216	250	Par	20.00	216	250		20.00
Glasgow	M. See	280	150	40	15.00	280	150	40.00	15.00
Mt. Pleasant Sta.	G.H. Jennison	256	200	P	33.00	256	200	P	33.00
" " Ct.	P.F. Holtzinger	232	185	60	12.50	200	150	60.00	12.50
New London	Saml. Clark	248	175			248	175		
Augusta	John Guylee	252	135			252	135		
Yellow Springs	J.G. Thompson	200	100		13.00	200	100		13.00
Swede Mission	A. Erickson								
S. School Agent	D.N. Smith	200	300	125		200	300	125	
Tract Agent	J.C. Smith								
I.W. University	T.E. Corkhill	300	350	150	50.00	300	150		50.00
		1678	1495	335	108.55	1656	1260	385.00	138.55

Fifth Cl'n

Fairfield,

\$9.00

(some of above totals are
hopelessly incorrect. Typist)

Dubuque District	J.G. Dimmitt	280	200		31.00	280	200		31.00	7
Centenary	L Taylor	200	200	70	5.00	200	200	70	5.00	5
Maine St.	A.J. Kynett	200	300	200	20.00	200	300	200	20.00	
Davenport	S. Haynes	224	275	75	40.00	224	275	75	40.00	
Leclair	D.N. Holmes	264	175		25.00	264	175		25.00	
Dewitt Mission	A.N. Odell	290	175	60	11.00	265	175	15	11.00	
Sabula	J.L. Kelly	216	154		16.00	16887	12440		16.00	
Maquoketa Sta.	H. Taylor	200	125	68	7.85	200	125	68	7.85	
" Ct.	Bro. Baker	240	100		10.00	200	73			
Andrew	Ancil Wright									
Bellevue	-----	240								
Canton Mssion	Joel B. Taylor		170		25.00	240	170		25.00	11
Rockdale	Geo. Larkins	232	80	98	30.00	232	80	5750	30.00	
Cascade	F. Amos	216	85		44.00	216	85		44.00	

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Fifth Collection \$16.00

Charges	Preachers	Quarterage Claims	Table Expenses	House Rent	Traveling Expenses	Quarterage Receipts	Table Expenses	House Rent	Traveling Expenses
Upper Iowa Dist	H.S. Brunson	256	200		10.00	256.00	184.00		10.00
Dubuque Ct.	H.W. Reed, T. More	372	130	60	16.00	340.00	95.00	30	16.00
Colesburgh Mission,	A. Bishop	200							
Delaware	" S. Alger	224	140		15.00	224.00	140.00		15.00
Garnavillo	Jos. R. Cameron	200	125		10.00	200.00	125.00		10.00
Harding	Isaac Newton	216	176		14.25	216.00	176.00		14.25
Waukon Mission	John Webb	264	175		6.00	264.00	175.00		6.00
Elkader	" Chas. M. Sessions	216	130	25		184.79	111.21	25	
West Union	L.S. Ashbaugh	296	200		20.00	296.00	200.00		20.00
Independence Mis.	W.N. Brown	200	85		3.00	200.00	85.00		3.00
Delhi	Geo. Clifford	216	120	50	5.00	216.00	120.00	50	5.00
Norwegian Mission, Supplied									
Missionary to Norway	O.P. Peterson								
		2665	1281	135	99.25	2396.79	1411.21	105	99.25

Entire Aggregate \$4.180.25

Deduct 4.012.25

Leaves a deficiency of 168.00

Mt. Vernon Dist.	Andrew Coleman	240	185	70	20.00	160	105	70	20.00	Total
Mt. V. & Pioneer Gr.	J. C. Ayres	312	280		5.00	312	280		5.00	
	D. Donaldson	200	90	25	35.00	200	90	25	35.00	
Tipton	J. T. Coleman	232	125		1.00	232	125		1.00	
Hebron	H. Wharton									
Marion	R. Ricker	232	150	60	1.00	232	150	60	1.00	
Cedar Rapids	Mis. E. Skinner	216	120	60		216	120	60		
Jaynesville	H. J. Burley	232	150		16.68	185	100		16.68	
Upper Cedar	Mis. W. P. Holbrook	232	120		34.00	232	120		34.00	
Marysville	A. B. McElfresh	248	100		3.75	160	50			
Vinton	N. Wells	100	60	12	12.50	72	60		12.00	
Anamosa	D. Daggett									
Spring Rock	Mis. A. Critchfield	232	200	P	10.00	154	133	P	10.00	
	H. W. Reed	280	140	80		280	140	80		
		2756	1722	307	139.23	2438	14730	295	134.68	12

Charges	Preachers	Quar- terage Claim	Table Expenses	House Rent	Traveling Expenses	Quarter- age Receipts	Table Expenses	House Rent	Traveling Expenses
Iowa City Dist.	A. Young								
Iowa City Sta.	L.B. Dennis								
West Liberty Mis.	C.P. Reynolds	290	100	30		290.00	82.00	30	
Iowa City Mis.	A.B. Kendig	200	100		8.00	200.00	100.00		8.00
Grandview	E. Lathrop	240	150		6.00	75.00	40.00		6.00
Muscatine	J.H. White	280	153	120		280.00	153.00	120	
" Ct.	Supplied	256	44	30	20.00	256.00	44.00	30	20.00
Fairport	W.R. Blake	240	150	34	11.00	240.00	150.00	12	11.00
Richmond	-----								
Washington	J.B. Hardy	240	150		2.00	240.00	150.00	2	2.00
Crawfordsville	L.C. Woodford	232	100		14.40	232.00	100.00		14.40
	A.J. Kirkpatrick	200	100		2.25	200.00	100.00		2.25
Wapello Miss.	G.W. Teas	216	134	60	27.00	172.35	109.13	25	27.00
		2394	1181	274	190.65	2185.35	1026.13	217	90.65

Fifth Coll. Iowa City Miss.

1.50

Muscatine Ct 8.75

Deficit ,263.60, but my
figures show 520.52

Montezuma Distr.	Wm J Simpson	240	128	60	47.85	240	70	60	47.85	5 Coll
Montezuma	S.Hestwood	248	165	29	1.00	200	165	29	1.00	2.50
Millersburgh Mis.	J.F.Hestwood	216	150		5.00	166	150		5.00	
Marshall Miss.	Wm.Armstrong	216	80	36	33.00	80	53	8	33.00	
Marango	C.Woolsey	125	130		5.00	124	130		5.00	
Tama	D.H.Potefish	100	50		4.00	100	50		4.00	
Harden Co.Miss	J.W.Stewart	200	90		6.40	200	90		6.40	
Sigourney "	George Bamford	216	80	8	12.00	216	80	8	12.00	
Boone "	Enoch Wood	288	112		1.00	172	57		1.00	
Webster "	-----	100	25			100	25			
Newton "	J.B.Hiles	256	100	15	20.00	200	100	15	20.00	
Story "	John Anderson	248	100		24.00	140	50			

2442 1290 148 159.25 2147 885 112 135.25 2.50

-Total Claims, \$4.039.25; total receipts, \$3.279.25; Deficiency, \$760.00

Ottumwa District	Jos.Brooks	304	311	40	25.00	304	286	50	25.00	
Agency City	D.Dickinson	280	175	50	13.00	280	175	28	13 P.	1.25
Eddyville	S.Brooks	232	175	10	10.00	232	175	10	10.00	
Oskaloosa	I.I.Stewart	256	244		32.00	256	244		32.00	5.00
Mahaska	G.H.Clark	100	42		13.75	100	42		13.75	
Albia	John Darrah	248	175		8.00	248	175		8.00	
	B.Mitchell	75	25			75	25			
Centreville	Thos.Dixon	264	175	48	21.50	224	112	48		
Unionville	Wm.Poston	150	133			130	83	45		
Drakesville Miss	-----	100	145		4.00	100	145		4.00	
Chillicothe	John Jay	264	125			264	125			
Locust Grove	O.C.Shelton	288	150			246	100			

Brighton		H. Gibson	240	131	36	21.65	111.46	131	36	21.65	
			2791	1786	194	148.90	2570.46	1818.45	172	147.40	6.25
Total Claims, \$4.819.70; total Receipts, \$4.708.31; Deficiency, \$111.57.											
Ft. Des Moines Dt. Jno. Hayden		280	150	36		280	150	36			5.00
" " Mis. E. W. Twining		250	180		34.30	250	180		34.30		5.00
Adell Miss. E. M. H. Fleming		264	136		6.00	264	136		6.00		3.75
Wintersett " R. Swearingen		232	150	36	5.00	232	150	36	5.00		
Indianola Wm. Butt											
Hartford Jesse Sherwood		248	150	48	10.00	200	100	24	10.00		
Knoxville E. L. Briggs		272	138			272	138				1.00
Attica J. B. Rawls		272	165			220	165				
Monroe Miss R. B. Allender		256	140		4.60	256	140		4.60		
Chariton " A. W. Johnson		256	150		13.00	256	150		13.00		
Decatur " D. T. Sweem		280	125		3.00	280	125		3.00		
		2610	1484	120	75.90	2510	1434	96	75.90		4.75
			Claims			:	Receipts				
		Q	T. E.	H. R.	Tr. Ex.	: Q	T. E.	H. R.	Tr. Ex.		
Council Bluffs Dt. M. F. Shinn		200	200	100	50.00	200	200	100	50.00		
" " Mis. Joel Mason		200	115	75	10.00	200	115				
Glenwood Isaac Kelly		248	62	15	25.00	200	62	15	25.00		3.00
Page & Taylor Mis. R. Mulholland		224	125		75.00	194	95		75.00		2.00
		872	582	190	160.00	842	472	115	150.00		5.00

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

Dear Brethren--Your Committee submit the following as their report:

The whole amount necessary to meet the entire claims of the superannuated preachers, their widows and orphans, and those engaged in the regular work, is \$46.452.86

The amount raised to meet the above, is 42.524.15

Leaving a deficiency of 3.928.71

To meet this deficiency, we have received; From the chartered fund 37.00

" Fifth Collection 68.45

This has been appropriated as follows:

To Sister Roberts 2.63

" " Jennison (and special collection, \$26) 26.50

" " Arrington & 3 children 39.22

" Bro. Vale's child 4.24

" " Ockerman's child 6.36

" Sister Bishop 26.50

Exhibit By Districts Claims, Receipts, Deficit.

Keokuk District	\$4476.90	\$4227.57	\$249.33
Burlington "	9768.50	7238.90	529.23
Dubuque "	5671.85	5412.62	259.23
Upper Iowa "	4180.25	4012.25	168.00
Mt. Vernon "	4974.23	4340.58	633.55
Iowa City "	4039.65	3519.13	520.72
Montezuma "	4039.25	3279.25	760.00
Ottumwa "	4819.90	4708.31	111.59
Ft. Des Moines "	4289.90	4115.90	174.00
Council Bluffs "	1802.00	1564.35	237.65

In the above Districts, Ottumwa stands first on the list, having paid 97 5/10 cts on the dollar; Upper Iowa, 96 cts; Dubuque, 95 5/10; Ft. Des Moines, 95 9/10; Keokuk, 94 4/10; Burlington, 93; Mt. Vernon, 87 3/10; Iowa City, 87 1/10; Montezuma, 80 9/10; Council Bluffs, 86 8/10. (There is an error of \$1.000. in the Burlington District exhibit, but as there is nothing to show whether this occurred in the "Receipts" or "Deficit" column I have left the figures as printed.

There may be other faulty totals here ,as is very apparent in the totals of the itemized tables, but it would be impossible to rectify them. I insert this explanation lest the accuracy of the transcription might be questioned. Typist)

Owing to the great delinquency the past year, in attending to the fifth collection, there having been raised only \$68.45; we would present the following resolution:

Resolved That each preacher be requested to take up a fifth collection the coming year at every appointment in our conference, for the aid of our superannuated preachers, their widows and orphans, and we would most earnestly require that this be not forgotten.

Respectfully submitted.

Landon Taylor,
E.L. Briggs,
I.I. Stewart.

Sunday School Statistics.

Appointments	No. Schools	Off. & Teach.	Scholars	Vol-umes in Library	Bible Classes	Scholars in Infant classes	Expenses this year	Raised S. S. Union	Advocates Taken	Con-versions
Keokuk District	1	20	120	1200	1	60	60.00		70	
Exchange Street										
Chatham Square										
Farmington	4	35	220	600	5	5	40.20	1.75	10	
Montrose	5	52	255	500	5		8.50		10	
Bonaparte	3	19	75	150	6	15		1.00		
Winchester	3	42	182	560	11	19	22.00			
Keosauqua Sta.	2	29	222	538		35	33.25	4.15	37	5
Birmingham	6	56	390	650	5				60	
Bloomfield	2	15	100	275			5.00			10
Troy	5	48	195	460	3	18	12.00			10
Pittsburgh	6	36	311	600						7
Vernon	3	30	160	480		30	15.00		7	
	40	377	2170	6013	36	182	120.95	6.90	194	32

Burlington District.	No Schools	Off & Teach	Scholars	Volumes in Library	Bible Cl.	Scholars Inf. Cl.	Exps. this year	Raised for S.S. UN.	Advocates	Conversions
Burlington, Old Zion	1	15	110	450	1		30.00		30	20
" Ebenezer Mis.	1	18	130	800			1.30		20	10
Fort Madison	2	20	140	427				6.80		2
West Point	1	10	60	300	1					
Salem	2	16	125	300	2		50.00		20	8
Fairfield	1	31	182	282	4	112	10.00		24	7
Glasgow										
Mt. Pleasant Sta.	1	35	145	600	2	2		19.50	75	
" " Ct.	5	45	270	765	10	44	48.00		12	10
New London	3	4	234	180			25.00			
Augusta	3	21	80	350	2		18.00			30
Yellow Springs	5	25	200	600			35.00			15
Swede Mission										
	25	240	1676	5054	22	158	\$181.30	\$26.30	169	92

Dubuque District	No. of Schools	Officers & Teachers	No. of Scholars	Volumes in Library	No. Bible Classes	Scholars Inf. Clas.	Expenses Of School this Year	Raised for S. S. Union	Advocates Taken	Conver- sions.
Dubuque, Centenary	1	14	75	300	1	6	10.00		25	
" Main Street	1	20	100	200	5	20	30.00		50	6
Davenport	3	42	135	570	1	20	80.00		70	10
Le Claire	4	48	300	700	3	50	15.00	8.51	60	
Dewitt Mission	6	59	281	916	2		48.00	2.40	30	10
Sabula	4	46	240	941	7	48	26.60	11.00		1
Maquoketa Station	3	28	95	335	1		40.00			
" Circuit	2	20	150	200	1		20.00		28	1
Bellvue Mission	1	6	40	150						
Andrew	3	25	125	400	2		2.00		10	5
Canton	4	80	160	1000	2		38.32	8.15	1	3
Rockdale	2	34	120	600	4		147.25		65	1
Cascade	4	28	95	430	4		5.00		10	
	38	400	1916	6782	33	144	462.17	30.12	348	37

Upper Iowa District	No.	Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Library	Bible Classes	Scholars Inf. Clas ses	Expenses this year.	Raised for S. S. Union	Advocates Taken	Conver- sions.
Dubuque Circuit	9	55	306	1292	16			30.00		115	8
Colesburgh Mission	1	7	35	150							
Delaware "	2	10	56	225	1			7.00		15	
Garnavillo "	4	26	497		20	20	10.25				
Harding "	6	40	181	675	9	30	81.00				
Waukon "	2	12	100	100							
Elkader	2	16	65	155	2	12	20.00			22	
West Union	4	30	125	457	1		60.00			40	
Independence	4	50	280	714	1		45.00			30	
Delhi	3	16	75	325	2	10					
Norwegian Mission											
	34	262	1680	4093	42	72	\$173.05			222	8

Mt. Vernon District	No. Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Library	Bible Cl's	Scholars Infant Cl.	Expenses this year	Raised for S.S. Union	Advocates Taken	Conversions
Mt. Vernon & Pioneer Grove	3	47	230	400	5		10.00	4.81	31	20
Tipton	2	30	125	550	1		28.00	10.00		9
Hebron										
Marion	2	20	120	500	2		40.00		56	10
Cedar Rapids Mission	2	20	135	275						
Danville										
Upper Cedar "	2	12	40	75						
Marysville	4	25	130	500			10.00			4
Vinton										
Anamosa										
Spring Rock Mission										
	15	152	670	2310	8		88.00	14.81	87	43

Iowa City District		No. Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Library	Bible Cl.	Scholars Inf. Cl's.	Expenses this Yr.	Raised for S.S. Union	Advocates Taken	Conversions
Iowa City Station	1	24	120	300				20.00			25
West Liberty Mission	7	40	190	1000	8			33.00	5.00		15
Iowa City "	2	25	400	1000				34.00	2.50		10
Grandview	1	14	50	500	1	20		11.00			
Muscatine Station	3	38	160	600	5			82.00	17.00	40	10
" Circuit											
Fairport	3	20	100	300				28.00	3.37	26	
Richmond	4	36	163	325	16	53		3.25		5	5
Washington	3	27	85	475	4	12		17.55	15.40	10	20
Crawfordsville	8	90	415	2084	9	98		67.00	6.75	50	10
Wapello Mission	3	37	120	625	1			20.00			
		35	351	1803	7199	44	183	297.00	50.02	105	95

Montezuma District	No. Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Library	Bible Classes	Scholars in class, Expenses this year	Raised for S. S. Union	Advocates Taken	Conversions
Montezuma Circuit	1	8	40	125		20	5.00		2
Millersburg	3	28	125	300	1	10.00			
Marshall	2	14	90	200	2	32.00			2
Sigourney	2	16	100	200		6 50.28	5.50		
Marango	6	42	172	673	15	97 50.00	2.40		
Tama	6	18	135	1050		23.50			
Hardin Co. Mission	4	38	100	661	1	54.00			
Boone	2	16	100	200		1 28.60			
Webster	1	5	30	150	1	10			
Newton	7	47	275	400	4	40.00			
Story									
	34	232	1167	3959	24	133 298.38	12.90		4

Ottumwa District	No. Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Library	Bible Classes	Scholars Inf. Classes	Expenses this Year	Raised for S. S. Union	Advocates Taken	Conversions
Agency City	8	94	430	1300	8		45.00		40	
Eddyville	7	70	300	1200	1		97.00		60	10
Oskaloosa	2	34	275	204	4	15	37.50		30	5
Mahaska	3	28	101	272			6.00			2
Albia	12	88	500	1371	2	32	200.00		100	28
Centerville	3	36	160	382	9		26.25		20	6
Unionville	5	35	190	300	4	5	13.00		13	
Drakesville	4	30	100	300						
Chilicothe	6	25	185	125	13	44	38.45		10	5
Locust Grove	4	31	173	619			35.00			15
Brighton	5	53	189	695	1	75	57.50		20	15
	59	524	2603	6738	42	171	\$755.90		293	86

Ft. Des Moines District	No. Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Library	Bible Classes	Scholars in Infant Cla.	Expenses this Year	Raised for S.S. Union	Advocates taken	Conversions
Fort Des Moines	1	13	75	200			15.00			
Adell Mission	8	60	175	879	4		63.60	9.54	17	
Wintersett	4	47	277	441	5	50	35.00		22	18
Indianola	6	50	237	543	3	15	31.80			
Hartford	4	32	250	300	1	125	25.00		10	4
Knoxville	3	35	222	502	3	48	46.27	6.75	10	
Attica	5	30	200	450			16.00			2
Monroe Mission	3	40	170	505	19	32		16.28	7	
Chariton	10	30	275	945	15	40	15.00			
Decatur	7	89	229	442	2	50				3
	51	426	2110	5207	52	360	212.92	32.57	66	27

Council Bluffs District	No. Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Library	Bible Class es	Scholars in Infant Cl's	Expenses this year	Raised for	S.S. Union	Advocates taken	Conversions
Council Bluffs	2	11	81	150						25	5
Glenwood	5	18	150	300	3						
Sidney	3	16	75	200			10.00				
Page & Taylor	12	84	409	1280	13	139	95.00	12.00			5
Cass	8	30	150	400			45.00				
Magnolia & Woodbury											
Harris Grove											
	30	169	865	2330	16	139	150.00	12.00		25	10

No S.S. Statistics given for the Nebraska & Kansas District.

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